I HUMBLY BEG OF YOU...

GUARDIAN WHO HAS GUARDED THE CLAN SINCE ANCIENT TIMES

PLEASE...

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THE MAIDEN'S CRY ECHOES!!

THIS WAR...

END

FUUREN-SAMA!!

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YOUR PLEA TO THE GUARDIANS HAS BEEN ANSWERED!!
I AM FUUREN!
A GUARD-IAN...?
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.
MEI!!
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FUUREN-SAMA...

WILL HAVE YOU FOR BREAKFAST!!
WE, THE "DARKNESS", THE ELITE OF THE MIGHTY XIA EMPIRE,
WE ARE THE STRONGEST OF ALL!!

HAAA!

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A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE FIGHTING...
DIEEEE!!

3600 years ago,
somewhere in China---
THERE EXISTS A CLAN THAT SERVES TO PROTECT PEOPLE AMIDST THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THEIR TRIBES.
BY THE TIME THE NAME "GUARDIAN" RESOUNDED UNDER THE HEAVENS, THEIR EXISTENCE WAS ALREADY LEGENDARY.
FULIREN-SAMA!
I'VE HEARD THAT YOU ARE THE GREATEST WARRIOR OF ALL THE GUARDIANS, THE ONE WITH THE HIGHEST HONOR.
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WON'T YOU UNDERTAKE THE DEFENSE OF OUR VILLAGE?
S-SO THAT MEANS YOU'LL UNDER-TAKE THE REQUEST ...?
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IF THE ENEMY IS WORTHY..
WHO IS THE OPPOSITION?
THEY ARE THE DARKNESS OF XIA.
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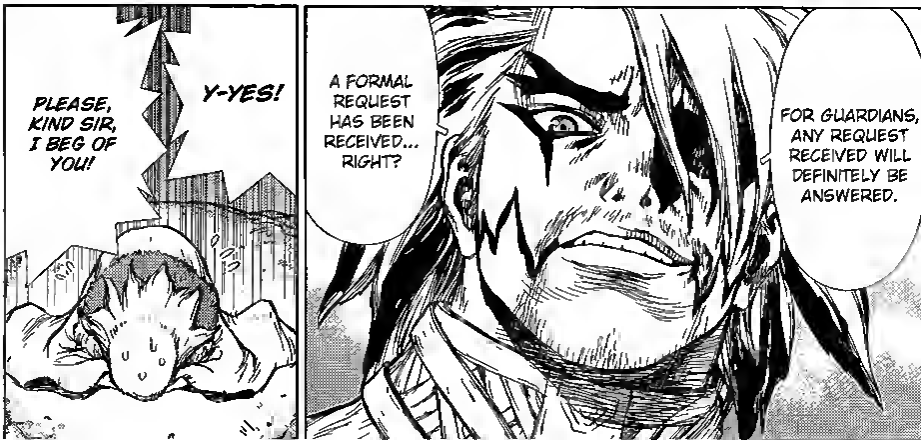
FUUREN-SAMA .. IF YOU REFUSE US, WE'LL...
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY ALTERNATIVE
HUH?
DARKNESS ...?
THE DARKNESS WHO BOAST THAT THEY ARE XIA'S MOST POWERFUL?


Y-YES!
PLEASE, KIND SIR, I BEG OF YOU!
A FORMAL REQUEST HAS BEEN RECEIVED... RIGHT?
FOR GUARDIANS, ANY REQUEST RECEIVED WILL DEFINITELY BE ANSWERED.

EVEN SO, THE XIA ARE...
IT WAS THE DESIRE OF MANKIND TO CREATE A CIVILIZATION TO CONQUER NATURE. IT IS SAID TO BE A FURTHER DESIRE TO DREAM OF CONQUERING OTHER COUNTRIES.
THE XIA DIVIDED THE CONTINENT INTO 9 PROVINCES, AND RULED THEM AS ONE LARGE EMPIRE...
THEY BUILT A GREAT CAPITAL ON A VAST PLAIN WHERE THE COUNTRYSIDE WAS IMPREGNABLE.
THEY WERE INVINCIBLE...
IN THE AGE OF STONE, THE WARRIORS OF XIA WIELDED ARMAMENTS OF BRONZE.
IT IS THE DAWN OF AN ERA OF INVASION AND CONQUEST.

THOSE AT THE CENTER OF THE INVASION WERE A SPECIAL FORCE KNOWN AS "DARKNESS".
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WIPED OUT...? IT STILL FEELS AS THOUGH...
HUH?
KUU-SAMA! WITH THIS, WE HAVE NOW WIPED OUT THE SNAKE VILLAGE.
THE KING WILL AGAIN BE PLEASED!

WH-WHAT?! HE-HE'S ABOVE US?!
To die like this is just too sad.
WITH OUR HEADS HELD HIGH, OUR CLAN'S REVENGE CANNOT BE STOPPED!!
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT, DAMN XIA CONQUERORS!

KUUH...

IT IS MY DISHONOR, KUU-SAMA!
PUNISH ME!
DO YOUR EYES NOT SEE, AZURE DRAGON?
A WISE RESPONSE .. BUT IF YOU HAVE FORCE TO SPARE, OBSERVE THE BATTLEFIELD.
FOR WHERE HAS THE KING COMMANDED OUR NEXT CONQUEST?
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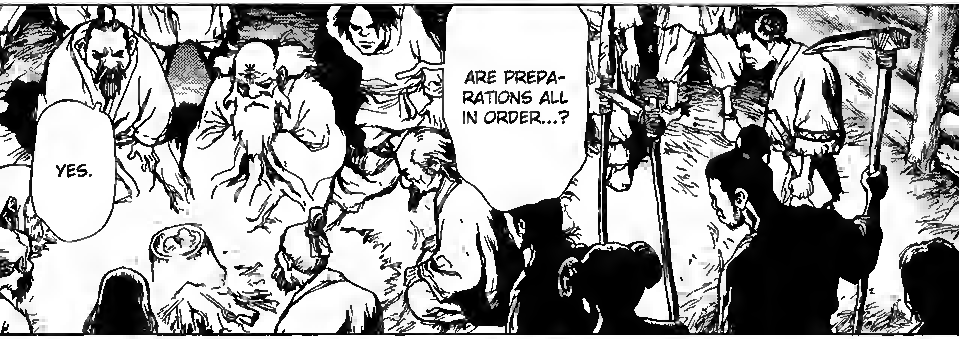
LED BY KUU-SAMA, THE "DARKNESS" KNOW NOT THE MEANING OF FATIGUE!
THE VILLAGE OF AN EASTERN BARBARIAN CLAN, KUU-SAMA! IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SETTING SUN!
WHAT IS IT THAT MY EYES DO NOT SEE, BY THE LIGHT DENIED TO THEM!?
THEN PUT YOUR HEART AND MIND INTO IT!!

VICTORY!
FOR THE GREAT KUU-SAMA, AND THE XIA EMPIRE...
VICTORY!


ARE PREPA-
RATIONS ALL
IN ORDER...?
YES.

I'M
HUNGRY,
FUUREN-
SAMA.
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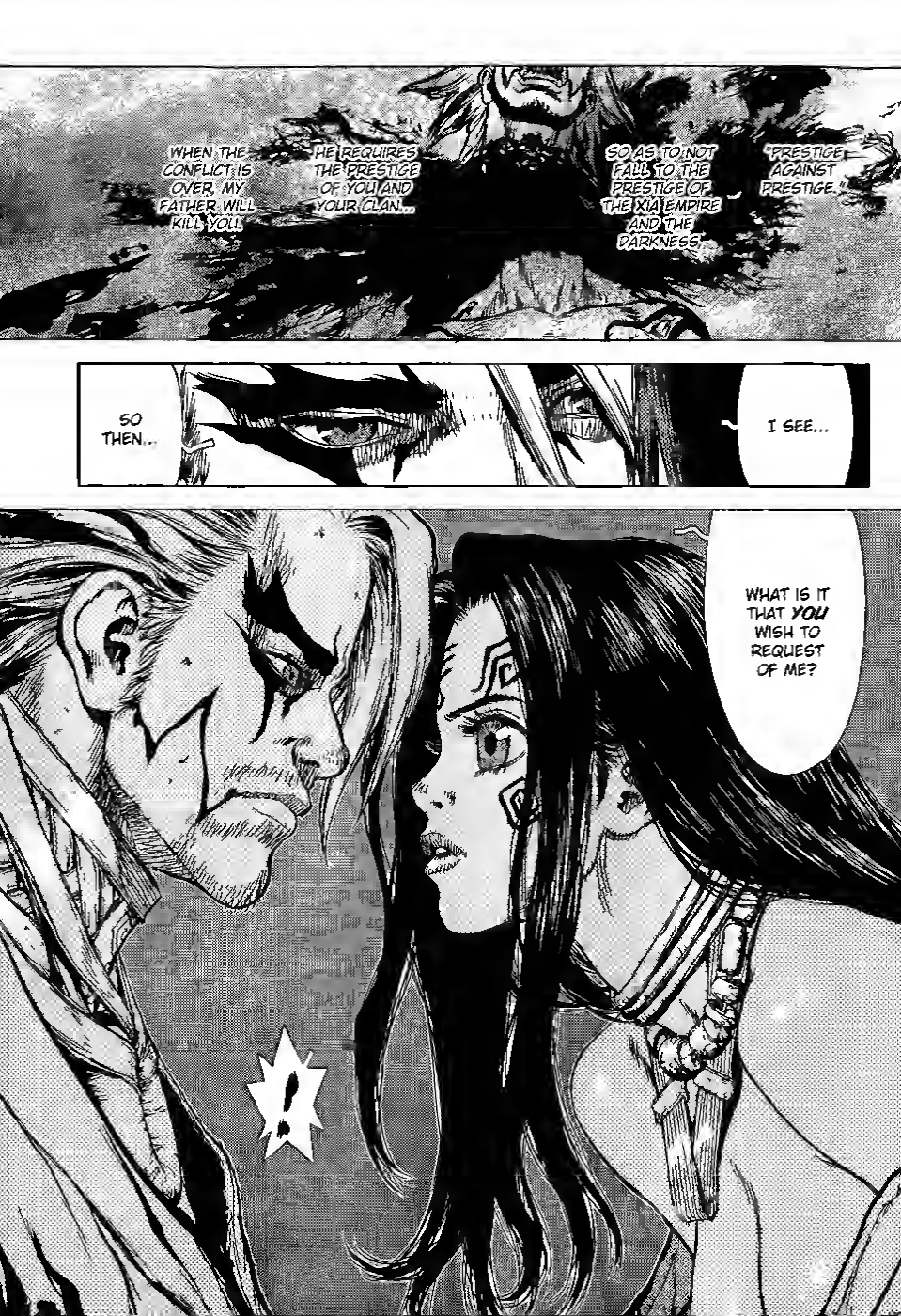
WOULD
YOU LIKE
TO COME
IN?
DO YOU
HAVE
FOOD?
YES.

IT IS MY HONORED DUTY TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO FUUREN-SAMA.
I AM CLAN CHIEF YANG'S DAUGHTER, MEI.
I'M COUNTING ON YOUR CARE.
Fuuren-sama, no fooling around!

FULIREN-SAMA... I DO NOT KNOW IF I SHOULD TELL YOU THIS, BUT...
MY FATHER... HE BELIEVES THE TRUE POWER OF AN ARMLESS GUARDIAN TO BE .. FALSE.
HE INTENDS TO WIN AGAINST THE XIA WITH THE VILLAGE'S POWER ALONE...
IF SO, THEN WHY DID HE MAKE A "REQUEST" OF ME?
TO MAKE USE OF YOUR "PRESTIGE".


WHEN THE CONFLICT IS OVER, MY FATHER WILL KILL YOU.
HE REQUIRES THE PRESTIGE OF YOU AND YOUR CLAN...
SO AS TO NOT FALL TO THE PRESTIGE OF THE XIA EMPIRE AND THE DARKNESS.
"PRESTIGE AGAINST PRESTIGE."
SO THEN...
I SEE...
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WISH TO REQUEST OF ME?
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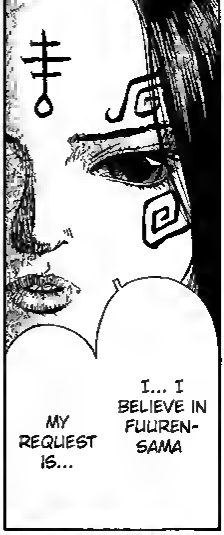

*FUUREN DECLINES IN ENGLISH, HENCE MIA'S CONFUSION

DAMN...
IF YOU REFUSE MY REQUEST...
I'LL KILL YOU!!
AH...
NOW THIS IS INTERE-STING.

KYAA!
I ACCEPT YOUR REQUEST.
IN EX-CHANGE, I'LL TAKE YOUR LIFE.

EXCEPT THAT I DON'T KILL WOMEN.
TAKE YOUR LIFE WITH YOUR OWN HANDS.
TRULY INTERESTING.
IF YOU VISIT DEATH UPON THEM ALL, THAT IS.
I ACCEPT.

CHIEF!
THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THE DARKNESS!
EVERY ONE OF YOU! TAKE UP ARMS!
CLAN CHIEF!
CLAN CHIEF!
CHIEF!
OUR VICTORY!
VICTORY!
CLAN CHIEF!
THE ATMOSPHERE HAS CHANGED

FOR OUR VICTORY!
WHAT THE...
IT'S A NIGHT RAID!! THE DARKNESS HAVE COME OVER THE BARRIER!

I WILL TAKE CONTROL OF THIS VILLAGE BY THE LIFE OF THE KING!
I AM KUU, LEADER OF THE DARKNESS.
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I AM MERELY PROVING MY LOYALTY TO KUU-SAMA--
EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM IS TOO WEAK!
WITH A BLOOD-BATH!!

GUAAH!!
NO MATTER HOW MANY OF THEM WE DEFEAT, OUR FANGS CANNOT STAND AGAINST THEIR WEAPONS.
CLAN CHIEF, IT'S AN OVER-WHELMING DEFEAT.
THE MILITARY MIGHT OF A THOUSAND... WHAT USE IS THERE IN STANDING IN FRONT OF THE DARKNESS!?

AAAAAH!
UWAAH!
HOW AWFUL...
THEY'RE KILLING ALL OF THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN!

FUUREN-SAMA...

I AM FUUREN THE GUARDIAN!
THIS DOES NOT SATISFY MY CONTRACT WITH ME!!
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MUSCLES LIKE STEEL! PRESENCE LIKE A WILD BEAST!!
THE MAN IN FRONT OF YOU IS TERRIBLY ...
YOUR EYES ARE BLIND!
FOOLISH AZURE DRAGON!
AN ARMLESS GUARDIAN...? WHAT IS HE GOING ON ABOUT? I'LL EAT HIM FOR BREAKFAST!

POWERFUL.

GUAAH!

SO NOW IT'S...
SHIT! I MISSED HIS VITALS!
A FIGHT BETWEEN THE SIGHTLESS AND THE ARMLESS!
ONE ON ONE COMBAT BETWEEN US!

MINE IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON THE XIA CIVILIZATION HAS EVER CREATED!!
NO MATTER HOW BIG IT IS, I'LL CUT RIGHT THROUGH SUCH A DECREPIT STONE BLADE.

YOU SHALL REGRET NOT HAVING BEEN BORN IN THE LAND OF XIA!
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FOOL!

NOW THEN...
IF IT IS DEATH YOU CRAVE, COME AND GET IT!
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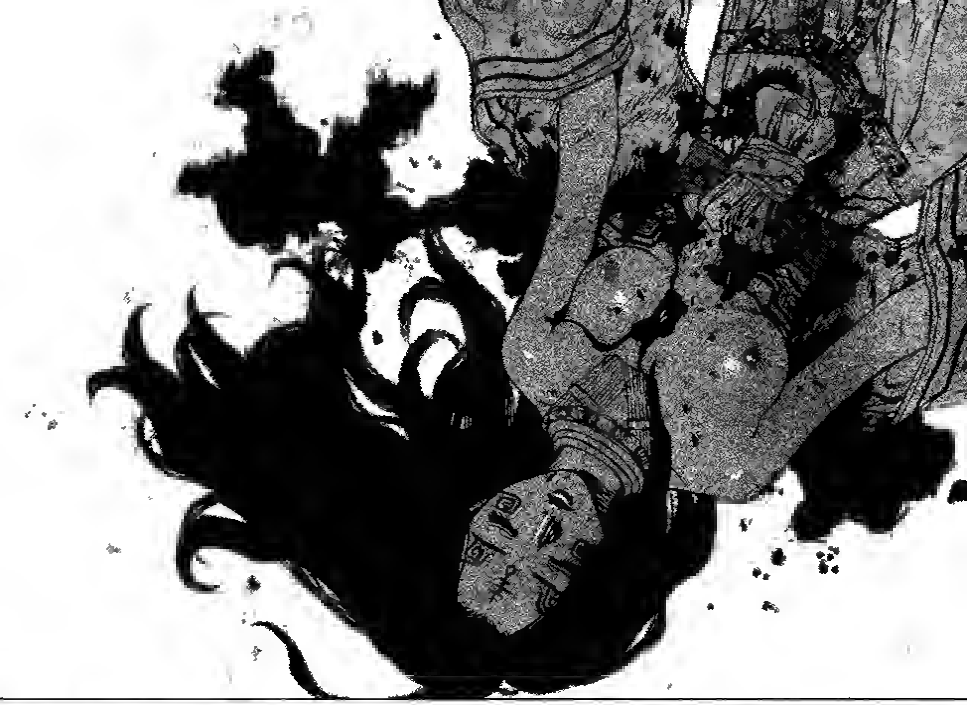
WHY DOES HIS FORM FLOAT IN MY EYES!?
?

HE IS ONE WHO MANIFESTS TO REBUKE THE CONCEITED.
IS NOT HUMAN!!
THIS GUY...
JUST LIKE A... TIGER.

HE IS...
A GOD.



I HAVE FULFILLED YOUR REQUEST,
MEI.

HOWEVER, SOON THE XIA WOULD PURSUE A PATH LEADING TO THEIR OWN DESTRUCTION.
AFTER THAT, THE VILLAGE TEMPORARILY FELL UNDER XIA OCCUPATION.
MANY OF THE VILLAGERS' LIVES WERE LOST. CHIEF YANG AND MEI ARE DEAD THEMSELVES.

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK, FUUREN-SAMA.
WHAT IS IT, CHII?
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS IT THAT GUARDIANS GUARD?
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WHAT I PROTECT IS...
OH, IT'S FINE.

BUT FOR WHOM IS THE ALL-CONSUMING TOUTETSU A DIVINE PROTECTOR...?
TOUTETSU, THE DRAGON ACCOMPANIED THE FIFTH CHILD SENT TO EARTH, TO EXTINGUISH EVIL...
THE DRAGON MANIFESTED IN THE FIRST KINGDOM, THEREAFTER GIFTING HUMANITY WITH CIVILIZATION.
FUU-REN-SAMA.
FUUREN AND CHI'S TRAVELS CONTINUE!
TOUTETSU END
PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR MORE WORKS BY TAKEDA & ICHI SENSEI!